



BISHOP'S WALTHAM MATTERS



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Recreation Grounds

Unfortunately we have had to close part of Oak Road playground due to the play surface becoming dangerous to play on. We are currently looking at options for resurfacing the playground and hope to have it re-opened in the New Year. We are also going to be replacing the aerial runway at Priory Park and the basket swing at Hoe Road in early 2017.



Jubilee Hall Car Park Update

Many of you will be aware that there has been a delay in proceeding with the Jubilee Hall car park extension project. This was due to:

- A delay in obtaining the final details and costs for the supply of electricity and lighting for the site from SSE.
- The Parish Council's insistence on the protection of the legitimate users of the Jubilee Hall and to avoid them paying a parking fee. Winchester City Council had offered the one hour's free parking in line with the existing car parks but the Council was not satisfied with this proposal and lobbied your District Councillors to support the request for an increase to two hours.

The Parish Council is pleased to tell you that Winchester City Council has agreed to the two hours' free request and has also agreed to increase its contribution to the cost by £50,000 to £100,000. Both of these rely on WCC managing the car park on behalf of the Parish Council. The PC is still left with a balance of around £160,000 to find. A recent public consultation on an approximate 4% increase in the Parish Precept to pay the interest on a loan has been rejected 60/40.

The Parish Council continues to look at other options available for this finance and is determined to solve the car parking shortage which you, the parishioners, have identified over the last four years as the most important single problem in the parish.

Annual Meeting of the Parish

The annual meeting for the residents of Bishop's Waltham will be held in the Jubilee Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd March 2017. Invitation cards will be sent out nearer the day.

Waste Recycling Centres

Hampshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) have introduced charges for non-household waste. Soil and rubble, which is usually created from construction, alteration or repair of homes and gardens, will be charged at £2.50 per part or whole 30 litre bag, or per item. Plasterboard, which is accepted at all sites, will be charged at £10 per sheet, or £6 per 30 litre bag. Cash and card payment options are available at each centre. The County Council has also opened up a new service at its HWRCs for small businesses to dispose of their commercial waste for a charge.

More information about the changes can be found on the HWRC website.



Bishop's Waltham Path Warden Scheme

Hampshire County Council is looking to recruit volunteers to help manage the footpaths in Bishop's Waltham. They will be running workshops to provide individuals with an understanding of how the Rights of Way network is managed. There will be further opportunities to become a Hampshire County Council Path Warden, where you will receive resources and training. Training will take place between January and April 2017 with venues to be confirmed. If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Council.

Road side Grit Bins

With cold weather on its way, the levels of salt / grit mix in Hampshire's community bins are being checked and restocked where necessary. If you notice that a bin is less than ¾ full, please notify the Parish Council on 01489 892323.



Your Parish Councillors

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Council and Committee Meeting Dates

January 2017

3rd Planning, Environment and Highways Committee (6.00pm)

3rd Finance, Policy and Resources Committee

10th Parish Council

17th Halls and Grounds Committee

24th Community Development Committee

February 2017

7th Planning, Environment and Highways Committee (6.00pm)

7th Finance, Policy and Resources Committee

14th Parish Council

21st Halls and Grounds Committee

28th Community Development Committee

March 2017

7th Planning, Environment and Highways Committee (6.00pm)

7th Finance, Policy and Resources Committee

14th Parish Council

21st Halls and Grounds Committee

The first 30 minutes of the meetings are always reserved for questions and comments from members of the Bishops Waltham public. All meetings are held in the Jubilee Hall, commencing at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

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